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### **MAYOR TICKETS**

# April 1, 2-3 p.m. newscast

KCAL9 Anchor Dave Gonzales reports on developing news in the ticketgate scandal involving L.A. Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa. The state campaign finance watchdog agency is calling for a record ethics fine against the Mayor for failing to report free tickets to dozens of entertainment events.

### JERRY BROWN

### April 10, 9-10 p.m. newscast

KCAL9 Political Reporter Dave Bryan sat down with Governor Jerry Brown for a no-holds-barred interview. A budget showdown is still looming in California, and Governor Brown has been on a 'budget crisis tour', trying to drum up support and fight back against critics.

### ARNOLD/NUNEZ

# April 19, 10-11 p.m. newscast

KCAL9 Political Reporter Dave Bryan reports live from the newsroom, with news on how for the first time, former Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger is confirming what many already suspected—he helped out a political friend by shortening a prison sentence for the man's son.

### L.A. MAYOR FURLOUGHS

# April 28, 9-10 p.m. newscast

KCAL9 Anchor Sylvia Lopez reports that L.A. Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa is taking action against more than six-thousand city workers who refused to agree to his budget plan. The Mayor says they will have to accept 42 furlough days starting today.

### MAYOR TALK-BACK/GUN BUYBACK

# May 4, 12-1 p.m. newscast

KCAL9 Anchor Sandra Mitchell reports on how KCAL9 and CBS2 are proud sponsors of this Saturday's annual Gun Buyback. Every year we partner with the city of L.A. to collect hundreds of guns. Today we're joined by L.A. Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa, live from Washington, DC, to discuss the Buyback.

# NO MORE "FREE RIDE"

# May 10, 10-11 p.m. newscast

KCAL9 Reporter David Goldstein reports that thanks to a KCAL9 investigation, it looks like the free ride is over for L.A. city employees who've been driving city-owned vehicles for personal use. David's reports exposed how your tax dollars were being wasted, and now the City Council is acting!

# MAYOR TOWN HALL

# May 23, 9-10 p.m. newscast

KCAL9 Anchor Leyna Nguyen reports that L.A. Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa addressed the concerns of valley residents in a Town Hall meeting tonight. The gathering took place at Reseda High School, and was prompted by a series of news editorials questioning the Mayor's effectiveness in leading the city.

### CAMPAIGN 2012

### May 31, 12-1 p.m. newscast

KCAL9 Reporter Danielle Nottingham reports on how five Republicans have already officially announced they want the GOP nomination for the Presidency. Several others are still considering whether to run. Sarah Palin hasn't committed to a campaign, but she is on a bus tour of the east coast.

### WEINERGATE

### June 1, 9-10 p.m. newscast

KCAL9 Political Reporter Dave Bryan reports on how tonight a Congressional rising star in the Democratic Party tries again to put out the political wildfire over a lewd photo sent from his Twitter account to a 21-year-old female college student.

### **GOP** DEBATE

# June 13, 9-10 p.m. newscast

KCAL9 Political Reporter Dave Bryan reports that tonight the first debate of the 2012 Presidential season was held in New Hampshire, home of the first-in-the-nation primary. Seven Republican presidential hopefuls sparred on a wide array of issues, from the sluggish economy to the war in Afghanistan.

# **GIFFORDS TO TUCSON**

# June 17, 10-11 p.m. newscast

KCAL9 Anchor Sharon Tay reports that wounded Congresswoman Gabrielle Giffords is back in her hometown of Tucson for the first time since she was shot. The Congresswoman traveled by private plane from Houston to Tucson this evening.

# RICK PERRY

# June 30, 9-10 p.m. newscast

KCAL9 Political Reporter Dave Bryan reports that tonight the man some Republicans believe will lead their party to victory in the 2012 presidential election is finishing up a two-day California tour, conducted behind closed doors.

# **OFFICER SHOT**

# April 4, 10-11 p.m. newscast

KCAL9 Reporter Serene Branson reports from the scene, as part of our live team coverage on this developing news. The man who shot LAPD Officer Steve Jenkins is dead tonight, after being found in his home with a rifle nearby. Officer Jenkins remains in critical condition with severe injuries to his face and chest.

### AMBER ALERT

# April 11, 10-11 p.m. newscast

KCAL9 Reporter Suraya Fadel reports live from the Sheriff's station with details on breaking news tonight. An Amber Alert has been issued for a 17-year-old girl kidnapped tonight in South Gate. Police say the suspect has threatened to kill the girl in the past.

### **BEACH WARRANT**

# April 19, 12-1 p.m. newscast

KCAL9 Anchor Dave Gonzales reports that a Cal State University police officer is credited with the capture of a murder suspect! The officer noticed a "strange-looking" car parked in a Motel 6 parking lot in Long Beach, so he ran the plates and they came back connected to a murder that took place last week. Once that was done, L.A. County Sheriff's deputies moved in to make the arrest.

# BODY ON SIDE OF ROAD

# April 29, 8-9 p.m. newscast

KCAL9 Reporter Serene Branson reports live with details on the gruesome scene along a local freeway during rush hour—a body found on the side of the road. Police discovered the dead woman along the westbound 210 freeway near La Crescenta Avenue.

# **DOMESTIC HOMICIDE**

# May 3, 10-11 p.m. newscast

KCAL9 Reporter Stacey Butler reports live from Costa Mesa on the story of a man who once promised 'to love and cherish', but police say he murdered his ex-wife and her dad, and then calmly confessed to a neighbor.

# SOUTH L.A. SHOOTING

# May 9, 12-1 p.m. newscast

KCAL9 Reporter Stephanie Abrams reports live from southeast L.A., where police are looking for a suspect, after an 18-year-old is hospitalized with gunshot wounds in his leg and his hip.

### **HIGH SCHOOL ARSON**

# May 21, 10-11 p.m. newscast

KCAL9 Reporter Jeff Nguyen reports that there is shock and anger at a San Bernardino County school. Who would want to burn their school? Fire officials say an arsonist is to blame for the flames at Bloomington High School.

# ONTARIO BODY PARTS

# May 30, 10-11 p.m. newscast

KCAL9 Reporter Nicole Gonzales reports live on the search for clues tonight after a deadly discovery in Ontario. Police are trying to learn why a woman was stuffing body parts into a trash can. The focus of the investigation is now a home on North Holmes Avenue in Ontario. We have new video from the home.

### GARRIDO SENTENCING

# June 2, 10-11 p.m. newscast

KCAL9 Reporter Serene Branson reports live from Orange County with details on how there is some justice for Jaycee Dugard tonight, who was held captive for 18 years of her life. Phillip Garrido is sentenced to 431 years, and his wife Nancy is sentenced to 36.

### **EL SEGUNDO PREDATOR**

# June 7, 12-1 p.m. newscast

KCAL9 Reporter Kirk Hawkins reports that police are asking for your help in the search for a sexual predator. They say a man exposed himself to a woman and then chased her into an El Segundo pharmacy. We have the security camera photos.

# **FONTANA OIS**

# June 18, 10-11 p.m. newscast

KCAL9 Reporter Jeff Nguyen reports live from Fontana with the very latest on an investigation. Fontana Police say they had to take extreme measures after a suspect used his car as a deadly weapon.

# JULY 4TH SECURITY

# June 29, 10-11 p.m. newscast

KCAL9 Reporter Serene Branson reports live from Disneyland in Anaheim, on how millions of us will join big crowds this holiday weekend for fireworks, festivities and fun. But tonight, law enforcement across Southern California is reviewing a new bulletin for homeland security, with an alert for this holiday weekend.

### SPROUT WARNING

# April 1, 4-5 p.m. newscast

KCAL9 Anchor Leyna Nguyen reports a health alert from state officials. They say sprouts distributed by Louie Foods International in Fresno could be contaminated with salmonella. Sprouts being recalled include Louie's brand alfalfa, clover and broccoli sprouts.

### WOMEN'S HEALTH RALLY

# April 7, 3-3:30 p.m. newscast

KCAL9 Anchor Dave Gonzales reports that several women's groups want to make sure their health issues aren't forgotten in the showdown over the federal budget. Planned Parenthood and NARAL organized a rally today on Capitol Hill, trying to make sure funding for women's health won't be part of the budget cuts.

### **BACTERIA AND MEAT**

# April 15, 4-5 p.m. newscast

KCAL9 Reporter Sandra Hughes reports that the meat and poultry at your local grocery store may be contaminated with a hidden danger. Researchers have found some bacteria resistant to antibiotics.

### **SAVE YOUR HEARING**

### April 23, 8-9 p.m. newscast

KCAL9 Anchor Sharon Tay reports on how you may not be able to stop hearing loss, but you can slow it down. Some everyday sounds can cause damage that is irreversible. We offer some tips on how to preserve your hearing.

### **AUTISM STUDY**

### May 9, 12-1 p.m. newscast

KCAL9 Anchor Sandra Mitchell reports that a new autism study shows even more children might have the disorder than experts previously thought. The study shows that one in 38 kids in South Korea have an autism-related disorder. That's more than 2.5%, and double the current rate in the United States.

### **FERTILITY YOGA**

# May 16, 12-1 p.m. newscast

KCAL9 Anchor Sandra Mitchell reports on how yoga is helping some women cope with infertility. Over seven million women in the U.S. are dealing with infertility. Now doctors say yoga classes can help would be moms feel less isolated and more relaxed.

### RELAXATION FOODS

### May 23, 2-3 p.m. newscast

KCAL9 Reporter Don Teague reports that energy drinks are big business, but now food and beverage makers are marketing products they say do just the opposite. Consumers bought about \$100 million worth of 'relaxation' foods and drinks last year, but some medical experts are concerned about what is in those products.

# **CELL PHONE RADIATION**

# May 31, 10-11 p.m. newscast

KCAL9 Reporter Serene Branson reports live from West Hollywood with the story of how for the first time, a panel of experts with the World Health Organization is saying that using cell phones just might increase the risk for brain cancer.

### BABIES & SUN

### June 8, 2-3 p.m. newscast

KCAL9 Reporter Randall Pinkston reports that we know sun can be dangerous for babies, and now a new report warns parents to protect infants and toddlers from the sun's powerful rays. The sun damage could cause harm for them later on in life.

### APPLE CHEMICALS

# June 13, 12-1 p.m. newscast

KCAL9 Reporter Lisa Sigell reports that the old saying, 'an apple a day keeps the doctor away', now comes with a warning. Apples are the most chemically-contaminated produce, according to a new report. The report also includes celery, strawberries, peaches and spinach, and recommends only eating those fruits and veggies if they are grown organically.

# SHINGLES VACCINE

# June 18, 9-10 p.m. newscast

KCAL9's Doctor Jon LaPook reports that nearly one-third of all Americans may develop shingles at some point in their life. A vaccine for the painful condition has been available for five years now, but very few people get it. Now the Centers for Disease Control may take steps to change that.

### **DRIVER'S SIDE TAN CANCER**

# June 22, 4-5 p.m. newscast

KCAL9 Reporter Rob Schmitt reports that sunny days like today have most people reaching for sunblock if they're going to be outdoors, but now a new study by the Journal of the American Academy of Dermatology finds that you might need sunscreen even if you're in your car. Apparently skin cancer is significantly more likely to arise on the left rather than the right side of your body.

### **RUBY THE ELEPHANT DIES**

### April 1, 12-1 p.m. newscast

KCAL9 Anchor Dave Gonzales reports that Ruby the African Elephant, who spent 20 years at the Los Angeles Zoo, has died at an elephant sanctuary in San Andreas. She was 50 years old. A necropsy will be performed at UC Davis. Ruby became a focal point of debate at the zoo over the housing of elephants.

### BIXBY REMEMBERED

# April 6, 2-3 p.m. newscast

KCAL9 Reporter Suzie Suh reports on how there was a moment of silence held today, for a Long Beach community leader who was killed last month. Mark Bixby died in a small plane crash at Long Beach Airport, and was the founder of the Long Beach Bike Festival. Today's moment of silence was observed at the kickoff event for the 2011 Tour of Long Beach.

# **GLAAD MEDIA AWARDS**

# April 11, 4-5 p.m. newscast

KCAL9 Anchor Sylvia Lopez reports that the GLAAD Media Awards were held in downtown L.A. The awards recognize members of the media for their fair and accurate representations of the lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender community.

# **RECORD LATINO VOTE**

# April 26, 3-3:30 p.m. newscast

KCAL9 Anchor Sandra Mitchell reports that new numbers are out today that show the power of the Hispanic vote. More Latinos voted in the November 2010 election than ever before. Latinos made up 6.9% of the electorate.

# L.A. GUN BUYBACK

# May 1, 9-10 p.m. newscast

KCAL9 Reporter Rob Schmitt reports on how KCAL9 and our sister station CBS2 are partnering with the city of L.A., for an effort to get illegal guns off the streets. The  $3^{\rm rd}$  Annual L.A. Gun Buyback is coming

up on May 7<sup>th</sup>. You can turn in any gun anonymously, no questions asked. In exchange, you'll get Ralphs grocery cards or Visa gift cards.

### LAPD MEMORIAL

# May 5, 2-3 p.m. newscast

KCAL9 Reporter Dave Lopez reports on how every year the LAPD honors officers who've died in the line of duty. And every year it's an emotional day for the department, and the community. This morning's ceremony was no exception.

# **BALDWIN HILLS VIGIL**

# May 14, 10-11 p.m. newscast

KCAL9 Reporter Rob Schmitt reports that family and friends remembered a prominent club owner who was gunned down yesterday morning. A candlelight vigil was held at 67-year-old Alonzo Ester's club in Inglewood. Police say he was shot and killed moments after he pulled into the driveway of his Baldwin Hills home. Today community leaders called on police for a swift investigation into Ester's death.

# **LATINO WINERIES**

# May 29, 9-10 p.m. newscast

KCAL9 Reporter Don Knapp reports that winemakers are recognizing the growing economic clout wielded by America's largest ethnic group—Latinos. New research shows wine consumption has increased dramatically among Latinos.

# CHURCH FIRE FUNDRAISER

# June 4, 10-11 p.m. newscast

KCAL9 Reporter Ann Sterling reports on how a church festival took on an urgent new cause tonight. Parishioners want to rebuild their cathedral destroyed by a fire in April.

### **USS JOHN PAUL JONES**

# June 10, 4-5 p.m. newscast

KCAL9 Anchor Sylvia Lopez reports that the USS John Paul Jones is anchored off the Malibu Pier right now. It's the first time a Navy ship has made the beach community a port of call. Malibu is getting ready to host shore leave for hundreds of sailors this weekend, and residents say it's a chance to thank members of the military and their families for their service.

# AFRICAN-AMERICAN MUSICIANS

# June 17, 4-5 p.m. newscast

KCAL9 Anchor Dave Gonzales reports that L.A. Councilmember Bernard Parks honored several African-American musicians today as part of Black Musician Month.

# MINORITY MAJORITY

# June 24, 9-10 p.m. newscast

KCAL9 Reporter John Blackstone reports on a historic shift, and how the complexion of the United States is changing. For the first time, minorities make up a majority of the youngest Americans.

### FISH DIE-OFF

# April 1, 12-1 p.m. newscast

KCAL9 Reporter Lisa Sigell reports on how three weeks later, officials still can't say what killed 175-tons of sardines in the King Harbor Marina. 2 ½ million fish had packed themselves into the marina, then suffocated after quickly using up the oxygen in the water. Tests showed no toxins in the water.

### SPRING HAIL

# April 11, 8-9 p.m. newscast

KCAL9 Meteorologist Evelyn Taft reports the very latest on this unusual spring storm. We're on Storm Watch tonight after hail ice pellets have been coming down on the local mountains tonight.

# LOS ANGELES FOREST RESTORATION

# April 15, 3-3:30 p.m. newscast

KCAL9 Anchor Sandra Mitchell reports on a new plan to restore the forest burned up by the massive Station Fire. Government and conservation officials announced a new partnership to restore the 160,000 acres burned in the Angeles National Forest.

### **BEACH TRASH ART**

### April 23, 8-9 p.m. newscast

KCAL9 Reporter Suzie Suh reports on how an artistic creation in Long Beach is making an environmental statement, about us. Thom Lacie has been collecting trash along our beaches, and now he's making art with it—forming a giant foot in the sand—to show how big of a carbon footprint people make when they don't do the right thing.

### BENEDICT CANYON UPDATE

### May 3, 10-11 p.m. newscast

KCAL9 Reporter Serene Branson reports that the battle over a billionaire prince's proposed mega mansion in Benedict Canyon rages on. Tonight, a new move by the developer has neighbors fuming.

# STATION FIRE AREA REOPENS

# May 15, 8-9 p.m. newscast

KCAL9 Reporter Suzie Suh reports that there is great news for hikers and campers—a huge section of the Angeles National Forest destroyed by the Station Fire is about to reopen. After two years of replanting and other restoration work, 98-thousand acres of the forest will reopen tomorrow.

# MOUNTAIN LION IN GARAGE

# May 24, 10-11 p.m. newscast

KCAL9 Reporter Nicole Gonzales reports that a Hesperia couple is still getting over their wild encounter with a mountain lion. The big cat had been hiding in their garage!

### **BALD EAGLES**

# May 29, 10-11 p.m. newscast

KCAL9 Reporter John Blackstone reports on how Bald Eagles had been virtually wiped out decades ago, because of a pesticide, but now America's national bird is flying high again over Catalina Island.

### BIG BEAR QUAKE SEISMO CAM

# June 2, 4-5 p.m. newscast

KCAL9 Anchor Leyna Nguyen reports that if you felt some rattling in the local mountains a few minutes ago, that was a 3.2 magnitude quake. We show how it looked on our KCAL9 Seismo Cam. The earthquake was centered near Big Bear.

### **POLLUTION EATING TREES**

### June 9, 9-10 p.m. newscast

KCAL9 Reporter Patrick Sedillo reports on how the green movement is growing in popularity. There's urban renewal with a focus on the environment. A new project in Oakland is using cutting edge technology to provide cleaner air and water for a struggling community.

### **FOREST LAWN TREES**

# June 17, 10-11 p.m. newscast

KCAL9 Anchor Sharon Tay reports that Forest Lawn Cemetery in the Hollywood Hills is embroiled in an environmental controversy tonight. Owners want to remove more than 800 trees on 120 acres of land, to make room for new plots. Opponents say taking out the trees would be a disaster for Griffith Park's wildlife and environment.

# **NRDC BEACHES**

# June 29, 10-11 p.m. newscast

KCAL9 Anchor Sylvia Lopez reports that three of America's dirtiest beaches are here in Southern California, according to the report by the Natural Resources Defense Council. It compares water quality and the number of days a beach had to be closed each year because of pollution.

# MADDIE JAMES MURAL

# April 12, 2-3 p.m. newscast

KCAL9 Reporter Melissa Maynarich reports that the marine artist Wyland is painting a mural at a school in Laguna Niguel, to remember Maddie James. Maddie was just five when she passed away in March, after being diagnosed with an inoperable brain tumor. Now her parents are hoping to raise money to make The Maddie James Seaside Learning Center.

# LAPD TRUANCY CHANGES

# April 14, 8-9 p.m. newscast

KCAL9 Rick Garcia reports that students who are late, but on their way to school, are getting a little break. The LAPD has agreed to not ticket a student who is late if he or she is still walking toward school when spotted. A daytime curfew ticket costs \$240, but student advocates say that actually encourages some kids to stay at home altogether.

# LAUSD LAYOFF HEARING

# April 25, 4-5 p.m. newscast

KCAL9 Anchor Leyna Nguyen reports that LAUSD teachers are fighting back against layoff notices, in a new round of hearings. Today is the first day for teachers to have a hearing before an administrative law judge in downtown L.A.

# **ACADEMIC DECATHLON**

# April 30, 8-9 p.m. newscast

KCAL9 Reporter Rob Schmitt reports that some students return to Southern California tonight as national champs. Students from Granada Hills Charter High School won the Academic Decathlon National Championship in North Carolina today. It's the 12<sup>th</sup> straight year that an L.A. Unified School District-affiliated school has won.

# SCHOOLS REVAMPED WALKOUT

# May 10, 3-3:30 p.m. newscast

KCAL9 Reporter Jeff Nguyen reports live from Huntington Park, where hundreds of students walked out of class today. They're protesting a decision by the L.A. Board of Education to replace half of the teachers at Huntington Park High School.

### LAUSD SCHOOL PROTEST

# May 13, 8-9 p.m. newscast

KCAL9 Reporter Randy Paige reports on how teachers have declared a 'state of emergency', and held rallies around California today. They're desperately trying to keep the state from slashing school budgets. One of the largest demonstrations was in downtown L.A.

# PERFECT ATTENDANCE

### May 19, 8-9 p.m. newscast

KCAL9 Inland Empire Reporter Greg Mills reports that although most teenagers get their first car from their parents, an Alta Loma High School student got hers in an unusual way. She got it for being a great student!

### **GAY TEACHING BILL**

# May 23, 9-10 p.m. newscast

KCAL9 Reporter Steve Butera reports that gay rights supporters in Tennessee are protesting a controversial bill approved by the state Senate. The bill prevents teachers from discussing homosexuality in elementary and middle schools. But opponents are concerned the bill could lead to more bullying of gay teens.

### CHILDHOOD PROSTITUTION

### June 6, 4-5 p.m. newscast

KCAL9 Anchor Sandra Mitchell reports that filmmaker David Lynch is launching a program to help victims of childhood prostitution. The program partners with the 'Children of the Night' organization. Counselors will use meditation to help kids who've been involved in prostitution, to deal with traumatic memories.

# CHILD TRACKING GADGET

# June 9, 3-3:30 p.m. newscast

KCAL9 Anchor Sandra Mitchell reports that although it only takes a second for a child to wander off, there's a new gadget that can help parents keep track of their kids. The gadget uses GPS and cell phone networks to track the child's position. And if the device leaves the property, the parent immediately gets a text alert.

# **INNER-CITY ARTS PROGRAM**

# June 23, 8-9 p.m. newscast

KCAL9 Reporter Ann Sterling reports on a beacon of hope in one of L.A.'s toughest neighborhoods. 'Inner-City Arts' gives young people the chance to develop talents they may not even know they have. And soon, they will be getting some royal attention, as the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge will be paying a special visit to the center next month.

# LAUSD HOMEWORK POLICY

# June 27, 9-10 p.m. newscast

KCAL9 Anchor Leyna Nguyen reports on a homework change coming to the L.A. Unified School District. Starting next school year, teachers won't be able to enforce homework responsibilities. The district is mandating that homework no longer count for more than 10% of a student's grade.

# **CONSUMER & ECONOMICS**

# TURKEY BURGER RECALL

# April 2, 10-11 p.m. newscast

KCAL9 Reporter Rob Schmitt reports that a massive recall has been ordered for nearly 55-thousand pounds of frozen turkey burger meat from Jennie-O Turkey. The meat has been linked to salmonella poisoning in 12 people from ten states, including California.

# **GAS SALES**

# April 11, 4-5 p.m. newscast

KCAL9 Anchor Sylvia Lopez reports that gas prices in Southern California have gone up for the 20<sup>th</sup> straight day. The average price for self-serve regular in L.A. County is \$4.17, with some stations charging as much as \$4.69.

# **SOUTHWEST AIR PRICES**

# April 20, 2-3 p.m. newscast

KCAL9 Anchor Sandra Mitchell reports that the cost of flying continues to soar, as Southwest Airlines is raising its ticket prices. The airline will raise all of its one-way tickets by \$5. Analysts predict that now other airlines also will raise fares for their flights.

### **COFFEE PRICES UP**

# April 26, 9-10 p.m. newscast

KCAL9 Anchor Leyna Nguyen reports that getting that morning cup of Joe is costing you a lot more—about double the price in some cases. Coffee shops like City Bean here in Los Angeles are seeing sharp price increases, from \$2 to \$4 per pound, wholesale. International demand and more interest on the commodities market are contributing to the rise.

### **FOOD LABELING MEAT**

# May 4, 12-1 p.m. newscast

KCAL9 Reporter Manuel Gallegus reports on a growing trend at the butcher counter. Food labels from 'natural' to 'free range' are shaping consumer habits. We explore what the labels really mean, and why they're catching on.

# **CONSUMER REPORTS DIETS**

# May 10, 12-1 p.m. newscast

KCAL9 Anchor Dave Gonzales reports that Consumer Reports magazine is out with its top diets in America. Jenny Craig ranks number one, followed by Slim-Fast in second place, and Weight Watchers in third.

# **RETAIL WEAKNESS**

# May 21, 9-10 p.m. newscast

KCAL9 Reporter Seth Doane reports that retailers are watching their receipts this weekend, as news that sluggish consumer spending may be hurting the economic recovery. But with gas and food prices up, some retailers are actually doing quite well.

# LAX HOLIDAY TRAVEL

# May 26, 9-10 p.m. newscast

KCAL9 Anchor Sylvia Lopez reports that the struggling economy is not expected to put a crimp in holiday travel this Memorial Day weekend. Officials at LAX today said they expect an increase in travel demand this weekend and through the summer.

# **PRIUS RECALL**

# June 1, 12-1 p.m. newscast

KCAL9 Anchor Sandra Mitchell reports that Toyota is issuing a new Prius recall. The voluntary recall involves 52-thousand 2001 through 2003 models. The cars might have a faulty power-steering part that could make it difficult to make left turns.

### **ECONOMY**

# June 7, 2-3 p.m. newscast

KCAL9 Reporter Alexis Christoforous reports that it's been two years since the recession officially ended. Still, millions of Americans are struggling. Today Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke spoke about the outlook for the economy.

### **AMAZON TAX LAW**

# June 17, 10-11 p.m. newscast

KCAL9 Political Reporter Dave Bryan reports live from the newsroom, with details on how shopping on your favorite internet sites could soon get a lot more expensive. California lawmakers want companies like Amazon and Overstock to start charging you sales tax. The bill is now sitting on Governor Brown's desk. If he signs it, it could affect millions of Californians who buy products online.

# **TYLENOL RECALL**

# June 29, 9-10 p.m. newscast

KCAL9 Anchor Leyna Nguyen reports that you may want to check your medicine cabinets for Extra Strength Tylenol caplets, as more than 60-thousand bottles are being pulled from store shelves. Johnson & Johnson ordered the recall because of complaints of a musty odor. That odor has been linked to a chemical applied to wooden pallets used to store and transport goods.